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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Nils E. Kongmark

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Confirmation No.: 9632

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Group Art Unit: 1744

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR STERILIZING INFECTIOUS WASTES ON SITE

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COMPLETION OF FILING REQUIREMENTS

I. (X) This replies to the office letter dated September 19, 2001.

(X) A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts is enclosed.

EXTENSION OF TIME

II. Enclosed is a (check either (a) or (b), as applicable)

(a) ( ) Petition and fee for extension of time

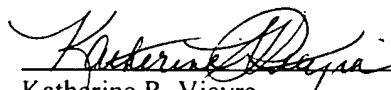
(b) ( ) Conditional petition and fee for any extension  
of time which may be required

**WARNING:** Submission of the appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.136(a) is to no avail **unless** a request or petition for extension is also filed. (Emphasis added). Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being transmitted therewith) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Box Missing Parts - Fee, Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Date: Nov. 2, 2001

  
Katherine R. Vieyra

## DECLARATION OR OATH

- III.    ☒    No original declaration or oath was filed and enclosed is the original declaration or oath for this application.

OR

- ☐    The original declaration or oath which was filed was determined to be defective. A new original oath or declaration is attached.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.41(a) points out that "Full names must be stated, including the family name and at least one given name without abbreviation together with any other given name or initial."

NOTE: For surcharge fee for filing declaration after filing date complete item VI(3) below.

NOTE: Acceptable minimums in the declaration for identification of the specification to which it applies are the name of the inventor **and** (1) serial number (2) attorney docket number which was on the application as filed and the filing date (3) title of the invention and filing date (4) title of invention and reference to a specification which is attached to the declaration at the time of execution and filed with the declaration or (5) title of invention and a statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor executed by signing the declaration. If identification (4) is used it must be accompanied by a statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date; such a statement must be a verified statement if made by a person not registered to practice before the PTO. Notice of September 12, 1983 (1035 O.G. 3).

NOTE: Another minimum found acceptable in the declaration is the filing date (i.e., date of express mail) and the express mail number, useful where the serial number is not yet known. But note the practice where the express mail deposit is a Saturday, Sunday or holiday within the District of Columbia. 37 CFR 1.10(c).

(complete (c) or (d), if applicable)

Attached is a

- (c)    ☒    Statement by a registered attorney that the application filed in the PTO is the application which the inventor(s) executed by signing the declaration.
- (d)    ☐    Statement that the "attached" specification is a copy of the specification and any amendments thereto which were filed in the PTO to obtain the filing date.

## AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS

- IV. ( ) Cancel claims \_\_\_\_ inclusive.

## TRANSMITTAL OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE PAPERS

- V. ( ) Submitted herewith is a verified English translation of the non-English language application papers as originally filed. It is requested that this translation be used as the copy for examination purposes in the PTO.

## DRAWINGS

- VI. ( ) \_\_\_\_ Pages of Formal Drawings with Figs. are enclosed.

## FEES

- VII. **WARNING:** Failure to submit the surcharge fees where required will cause the application to become abandoned. 37 CFR 1.53(d).

NOTE: The filing fees, fees for claims and surcharge fees listed below in items 1,2 and 3 are reduced by 50% where proof of a small entity status is established on or before the date the fee is paid. If the full fee was paid by a verified statement is filed within 2 months of the date of timely payment of a fee then the excess fee paid will be refunded on request. 37 CFR 1.28(a).

### 1. Filing Fee

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| ( ) | original patent application (37 CFR 1.16(a) - \$740.00;<br>Small entity - \$370.00 | \$ |
| ( ) | design application (37 CFR 1.16(f) -<br>\$330.00; small entity - \$165.00)         | \$ |

### 2. Fees for claims

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| ( ) | each independent claim in excess of 3 (37 CFR 1.16(b) -<br>\$84.00; small entity - \$42.00) | \$ |
| ( ) | each claim in excess of 20 (37 CFR 1.16(c) -<br>\$18.00; small entity - 9.00)               | \$ |
| ( ) | multiple dependent claim(s) (37 CFR 1.16(d) -<br>\$280.00; small entity - \$140.00)         | \$ |

3. Surcharge fees

- ( ) late payment of filing fee and/or  
( X ) late filing of original declaration or oath  
(37 CFR 1.16(e) - \$130.00; small entity - \$65.00) \$ 65.00

NOTE: Even where a facsimile declaration or oath signed by the inventor(s) was part of the originally filed papers the surcharge fee is required.

NOTE: If both the filing fee **and** declaration or oath were missing from the original papers only one surcharge fee for both need be paid. 37 CFR 1.16(e).

4. ( ) Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or a person  
not the inventor (37 CFR 1.17(h) and 1.47 - \$130.00) \$
5. ( ) Fee for processing an application filed with a specification in a non-  
English language (37 CFR 1.17(k) and 1.52(d) - \$130.00) \$
6. ( ) Fee for processing and retention of application (37 CFR 1.21(l) and  
1.53(d) - \$130.00) \$
- Total fees \$ 65.00**

**SMALL ENTITY STATUS**

- VIII.** ( X ) This is a statement that the applicant(s)/assignee qualify for small entity status under the patent statutes.

**PAYMENT OF FEES**

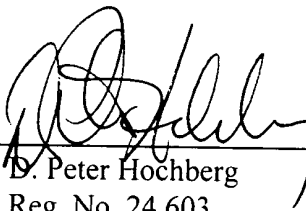
- IX.** ( x ) Enclosed is a credit card form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$ 65.00.  
( ) Charge Account No. 08-2441 in the amount of \$  
A duplicate of this request is attached.

## AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

**WARNING:** Accurately count claims, especially multiple dependent claims, to avoid unexpected high charges if extra claims are authorized.

- (X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the pendency of this application to Account No. 08-2441.
- (X) 37 CFR 1.16 (filing fees)
  - (X) 37 CFR 1.16 (presentation of extra claims)
  - (X) 37 CFR 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)
  - ( ) 37 CFR 1.18 (issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b))

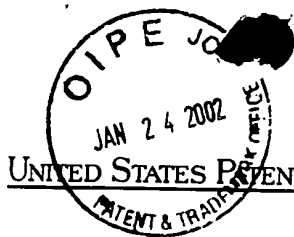
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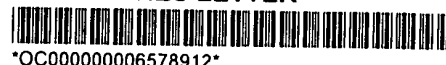
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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 65.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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